



# THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!



## Special Points of Interest

As of July 17, 2014:

⇒KHIE has 581 signed participation agreements (representing 2,106 locations)

⇒A total of 961 [provider locations](#) (representing 1,607 total data feeds), are submitting [live data](#) and exchanging information (see Page 4 for more details)

⇒83% of acute care hospitals in KY are live on KHIE

⇒\$170,000,000 has been paid to Medicaid hospitals and providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Over \$153,000,000 has been paid to Medicare hospitals in KY through the EHR Incentive Program

⇒KHIE is averaging over 100,000 queries per week

Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange monthly newsletter! Here you will find valuable information about KHIE. KHIE is situated in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and works with several providers across the Commonwealth to build a state-wide health information highway where providers can access critical patient health information from various points of care. The strategic goals of KHIE are to: promote and increase the adoption and use of health information technology and health information exchange within the state borders and across the nation. KHIE also assists with and facilitates state-wide meaningful use initiatives and provides governance and oversight to the statewide health information exchange.

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## Did You Know?

KHIE is hosting a weekly Transitions of Care Community of Practice Call on Thursdays at 11:00EST? To join the conversation please contact Sue Anderson-Lenz at [sue.anderson-lenz@ky.gov](mailto:sue.anderson-lenz@ky.gov)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE HEALTH IT COORDINATOR **POLLY MULLINS-BENTLEY**



Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange! KHIE, in collaboration with KY providers, key stakeholders, including the regional extension centers, the QIO (Health Care Excel), and the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive team, organized [collective comments and proposed recommendations for the CMS Notice of Proposed Rule-Making \(NPRM\)](#) and submitted those comments on July 14, 2014. As I stated last month, although the NPRM was published with great interest, I would like to emphasize the uncertainty around the NPRM. I advise all of the providers across the state to continue moving forward with their Meaningful Use goals and attestation deadlines. Again, I encourage all to publically comment on the NPRM and participate in the national discussion around Meaningful Use. For more information please visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and contact your local regional extension center for MU guidance. Comments must be received by **July 21, 2014** to be considered.

KHIE has great news to share! As you know our team partnered with the Department for Public Health and Division of Medicaid Services last year on the Governor's directive regarding overutilization of emergency departments across the state—the **KY ER SMART** initiative. Sixteen communities were selected to pilot the program, one of the criteria was that the local community hospital was participating in KHIE, with at least an Admit, Discharge, or Transfer (ADT) feed. Pilots were strongly encouraged to begin utilizing the KHIE Community Record (Virtual Health Record) in the ER to help identify super-utilizer patients, to improve care coordination and communication amongst the 'community of care network.' To further facilitate this work KHIE has been developing clinical reminders and alerts to assist in identifying and managing these individuals. **The first set of clinical alerts will be available in the KHIE Community Record, starting on July 26, 2014!** More information will be distributed soon regarding this release.

The next set of alerts are being developed and will be designed to 'push' out to the clinician to alert the care community that a super-utilizer patient has presented to the ER, been admitted to the hospital and /or discharged.

If you are interested in learning more about our KY ER SMART initiative please go to our [website](#)—or contact me, [Polly.Mullins-Bentley@ky.gov](mailto:Polly.Mullins-Bentley@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

*Polly*

Polly Mullins-Bentley, RN, RHIT, CPHQ

## **KENTUCKY MEDICAID EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM** **POINTERS OF THE MONTH**

### **REMINDERS:**

Eligible providers should review the 2014 Meaningful Use Guidance for Stage 1 and Stage 2 prior to attesting in order to better prepare for the attestation process. These documents are located at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm> under the heading *Publications*.

- All EPs, EHs and CAHs must have a signed Participation Agreement as well as applicable addendums on file with KHIE prior to attestation submission. Please refer to the Meaningful Use Guidance documents for additional information.
- Please stay on course with submitting attestations and working towards Meaningful Use requirements. This will help to avoid delays in processing your attestation, as well as avoiding any Medicare penalties!

Check our website as well as CMS's attestation home page often for important and up-to-date information.

### **CONTACT:**

- There are several methods to contact us. On the left-hand navigation menu on the attestation website you can select to submit an issue/concern or you can click the Send E-mail function.
- Please visit the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Website at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/EHR.htm> for information and educational resources.

### **NPRM COMMENTS:**

The KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program encourages all providers to publically [submit their comments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#). All comments must be received by July 21, 2014 to be accepted for review.







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**[New Meaningful Use Timeline](#)**

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Dear Valued Client, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Office of Nati...

### 2013 eHealth Summit

The 2013 eHealth Summit was held Sept. 17, 2013 at the Sloan Convention Center, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green, KY.

[Read all about it.](#)

### KHIE History

Gov. Steve Beshear issued an executive order in August 2009, establishing the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to oversee the advancement of health information exchange in Kentucky. [Read more about the history of the Kentucky Health Information Exchange.](#)

### Connected Providers



[Select a county from the map to find out who is connected.](#)

### Contact Us

Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? [Fill out this form to contact KHIE.](#)

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